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Containing the text of the acts of the 1929, 1931, 1933, 1935, and 1937 General Sessions, and the 1933-34, 1935-36, 1936, and 1937 Special Sessions of the Legislature, both new and amendatory, and notes showing repeals, together with annotations from the various courts, state and federal, and the opinions of the Attorney General; construing the constitution, statutes, charters and court rules of Minnesota together with digest of all common law decisions.



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Provided, that no county board is authorized to appropriate any funds for the benefit of any county Historical Society unless such society shall be affiliated with and approved by the Minnesota Historical Society. (Act Apr. 24, 1929, c. 324, §2.)

**5670-13. Application.**—This act shall not affect any other act relating to historical work, nor apply to any county which is now authorized by law to make appropriations for such work. (Act Apr. 24, 1929, c. 324, §3.)

## CHAPTER 34

## State Printing

**5676. Advertisement for bids.**

State printer must advertise in five largest cities and wait 30 days thereafter to open bids. Op. Atty. Gen. (980c-28), June 7, 1934.

**5680-1. Appropriation for publication of official guide book.**—There is hereby appropriated to the state auditor from any moneys in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$1,500 for a revolving fund, the moneys of such fund to be used for the purpose of republishing the official state ca-

pitol guide books and history. (Apr. 24, 1937, c. 396, §1.)

**5680-2. To be sold at cost.**—Said book shall be offered for sale at a price sufficient to defray the cost of printing, publishing and distribution. (Apr. 24, 1937, c. 396, §2.)

**5681. Publication of session laws.**

Contract for printing regular session is not continuous for special session following, and state printer may advertise for bids for special session. Op. Atty. Gen., Nov. 25, 1933.

## CHAPTER 35

## Employments Licensed by State Boards or Officials

## ATTORNEYS AT LAW

**5685. Board of law examiners—Examinations.**

Reciprocal and retaliatory legislation. 21MinnLawRev 371.

**5686-1. Admission of attorneys to practice in certain cases.**—Any adult resident of the State of Minnesota, who has completed the prescribed course of study for admission to the practice of law in any state of the United States where said prescribed course of study is for a period of not less than three years, and who has duly examined as to his qualifications by the law examining body of said state and admitted to the practice of law therein, and who has served as an official court reporter in the State of Minnesota for not less than five years immediately following said examination under appointment of a district judge of this state, and who is recommended for his character, ability and learning by said judge, shall upon furnishing proof of the foregoing facts and payment of the usual fee be on motion before the supreme court of this state admitted within six months after the passage of this act to practice law in all of the courts of this state without examination. (Act Apr. 20, 1929, c. 267.)

This act is invalid. 178M335, 227NW180.

**5686-2. Admission to practice at law of certain persons.**—Any person who has studied law in the office of a practicing attorney of this State for a period of at least three years in compliance with the rules of the State Board of Bar Examiners in force at the time of such study and who has been a student in the Academic College of the University of Minnesota for a period of more than one year and who has served in the military or naval forces of the United States during the World War and received an honorable discharge therefrom and who was disabled therein or thereby within the purview of the Act of Congress approved June 7th, 1924, known as "World War Veteran's Act, 1924" and whose disability is rated at least ten per cent thereunder at the time of the passage of this act, shall on motion before the Supreme Court upon proof of such facts and that he is an adult resident of the State of Minnesota of good moral character, recommended by two district judges of this State, be admitted to practice law without examination upon payment of the usual fee for such examination. (Act Apr. 27, 1929, c. 424, §1.)

Laws 1929, c. 424, admitting certain disabled veterans and court reporters to practice of law, violate the equal-

ity provisions of the constitution. 178M331, 227NW179; 178M335, 227NW180.

An agreement to pay an attorney to act as vice president of a bank on a salary, the fees of the attorney to be assets of the bank, held invalid as in effect a practice of law by the bank, a corporation having no authority to practice law. 181M254, 232NW318. See Dun. Dig. 676.

Foreclosure of mortgages by advertisement, where an attorney's fee is charged, and the conducting of proceedings in the probate court in the matter of estates and guardianships, held "practice of law." 181M254, 232NW318. See Dun. Dig. 676.

**5687. Unauthorized practice. [Repealed].**

Repealed. Laws 1931, c. 114, post, §5687-2. Persons who engage in business of adjusting and settling claims for personal injuries and determine legal rights of injured person are guilty of practicing law. Fitchette v. T., 191M582, 254NW910. See Dun. Dig. 676.

**5687-1. Unauthorized practice of law—penalty.**

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person or association of persons, except members of the Bar of Minnesota admitted and licensed to practice as attorneys at law, to appear as attorney or counsellor at law in any action or proceeding in any court in this state to maintain, conduct or defend the same, except in his own behalf as a party thereto in other than a representative capacity, or, by word, sign, letter, or advertisement, to hold out himself or themselves as competent or qualified to give legal advice or counsel or to prepare legal documents, or as being engaged in advising or counseling in law or acting as attorney or counsellor at law, or in furnishing to others the services of a lawyer or lawyers, or, for a fee or any consideration, to give legal advice or counsel, perform for or furnish to another legal services, or, for or without a fee or any consideration, to prepare (directly or through another) for another person, firm or corporation, any will or testamentary disposition or instrument of trust serving purposes similar to those of a will, or, for a fee or any consideration, to prepare for another person, firm or corporation, any other legal document, except as provided in subdivision (c) below.

(b) No corporation, organized for pecuniary profit by or through its officers or employees or anyone else, shall maintain, conduct or defend (except in its own behalf when a party litigant) any action or proceeding in any court in this state; or shall, by or through its officers or employees or anyone else, give or assume to give legal advice or counsel or perform for or furnish to another person or corporation legal services; or shall, by word, sign, letter or advertisement, solicit the public or any person to permit it to pre-